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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, under Rule 136(a), to extend the time for response to the Final Office Action dated August 29, 2003, for one (1) month, from NOVEMBER 29, 2003 until DECEMBER 29, 2003. Submitted herewith, under Rule 17(a)(1), is a check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a Large Entity.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fee, or to credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

Respectfully submitted, GÜNTER - 3 - PCT

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1) Check in the amount of \$110.00

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